

for the following week's performance would not be on sale before Monday noon. "Hum," I said, "that's funny, you have a sign out here that reads, 'Seats sold two weeks in advance.' What's the idea?" "Oh," he said, "the fellow just put that sign up today. Anyhow, he didn't know what he was doing, for we won't have any tickets until Monday."

Monday night I rushed over from work. The following conversation took place:

"Can you give me two tickets for Christmas night, about the 3d or 4th row?"

"The best I can give you is the eleventh row."

"Do you mean to tell me you have sold out ten solid rows since noon?"

"Yes, we've had a busy day."

"How many rows have you sold to scalpers?"

"Not a seat."

Having been there before I remembered that the balcony was but a few rows back from the stage, and, after finding I could get two seats in the first row center, I paid down three good American dollars, took my two pasteboards and departed.

It didn't take long after the first curtain went up to find out I had paid \$1.50 for a 75-cent show. During intermission I discovered at least 30 empty seats in the first five rows down stairs.

I went home a sadder but wiser man, for the octopus had killed the goose that laid the golden egg and if the rest of the suckers were like myself it wouldn't take long before the loop theaters would be playing to empty seats, for it will be many a moon before they tease another three dollars from yours truly. — John Freeman.

**DUST.**—It blows into our homes, soils our clothes and spreads disease. The conditions that the Chicago streets are in, especially those streets that cars run on, is a crime against the public.

There is a trail of dust raised by each team and car, the air in the cars being almost unbreathable. If all the streets were kept in as good condition as the loop streets the saving in money, from death and sickness caused by dust, would be enormous more than repaying the cost of keeping all the streets clean.

It is the duty of the officials of Chicago to see that the streets are kept clean, protecting the people against disease and death caused by dirt and dust. When they fail to do this they are guilty of wholesale murder.—J. Lipsitz, 530 S. Lawndale av.

#### SCARS OF WAR



"What you been doin' to yer house 'at makes it look so queer, Ezra?"

"I'll tell ye, Hiram. I put a few loads o' buckshot in th' gable. Th' architect said it wuz modeled after a French chateau, an' I want it ter look like one."

Germany is credited with having no fewer than 100,000 motor vehicles in military use.